Fund for consumer awareness

†1989. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have created a fund of Rs. 100 crores for consumer awareness in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that during 2005-06 three advertising agencies were selected and entrusted with the responsibility of consumer awareness;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard and the names of those companies; and

(d) the amount allocated to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 70.00 crores during the year 2005-06 for creating consumer awareness in the country. An eleborate system of short listing and selection of agencies through an Inter Ministerial committee was followed to ensure maximum transparency and objectivity. The following agencies have been empanelled for making creatives (i) M/s. Mudra Communications P Ltd., New Delhi-110020. (ii) M/s. Rediffusion Dentsu Young & Rubicam, Gurgaon. (iii) M/s. Everest Brand Solutions P Ltd., New Delhi.

(d) No amount was allocated to agencies as all the media releases (electronic & Print) are through DAVP (Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting) on DAVP rates.

Procurement target

†1990. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements have been made for the procurement of

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wheat in different States of the country to achieve the target of procurement;

(b) if so, the quantum of wheat to be procured from each of wheat growing State; and

(c) by when this procurement will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The estimates of procurement given by Food Secretaries of wheat growing States alongwith the date of its commencement is as under:—

State	Estimated Procurement (in lakh tonnes)	Date of commencement of Procurement
Punjab	85	1.4.2006
Haryana	42	1.4.2006
Uttar Pradesh	25	1.4.2006
Madhya Pradesh	5	21.3.2006
Uttaranchal	1	1.4.2006
Rajasthan	2	20.3.2006
Bihar	2	15.4.2006
Others*	0.07	
Total	162.07	

*includes Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh.

Extinction of vultures due to bacteria

†1991. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of birds in all major cities has considerably declined as these cities are turning into concrete jungles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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